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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE CHARGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRIMIN GOUGH WHITLAM. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: UPON ASSUMING
THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH
TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTACH
TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA. AS ONE OF MY FIRST
ACTS, I WISH PERSONALLY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT WILL BE
THE POLICY OF MY ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT THAT
RELATIONSHIP IS MAINTAINED. SPECIFICALLY, I WISH TO
REAFFIRM OUR CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO ANZUS AND TO ALL
OTHER TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS THAT
PRESENTLY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE
BASIC PREMISES OF OUR POLICY IN THE PACIFIC AND HAS BROAD
SUPPORT WITHIN BOTH OF OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. I

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FULLY APPRECIATE, AS I AM SURE YOU DO, THE IMPORTANCE OF

OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION NOT ONLY TO OUR OWN TWO COUNTRIES
BUT ALSO TO OUR SHARED GOALS OF BUILDING A VIABLE STRUCTURE

FOR PEACE AND SECURITY AND ADVANCING ALL THOSE VALUES
THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES SHARE.

IN THESE IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS, AS WELL AS IN OTHER
AREAS, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM SUPPORT OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

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